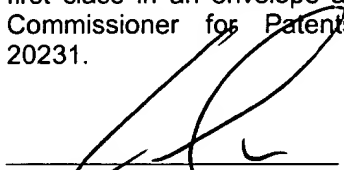




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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH JULY 3, 2002**

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, time for response to which has been extended by the enclosed petition to December 3, 2002, please enter and consider the following.

**REMARKS**

**I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS**

No claims have been amended, added or canceled. Claims 1-36 remain in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicant filed Information Disclosure Statements ("IDSs") on June 12, 2001, June 29, 2001, August 26, 2001, September 22, 2001, October 8, 2001, January 3, 2002 and February 16, 2002. Copies of the IDSs, including the PTO form 1449s and date stamped postcard receipts, are attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The Office Action does not include any indication that the IDSs have been considered. Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the Examiner consider the IDSs, initial the PTO form